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In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of October 27, 2003 (Paper No. 7) with a three month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 27, 2004, please amend the above-referenced Application as follows:

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Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper;

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